A Dream Deferred

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up   
like a raisin in the sun?   
Or fester like a sore--   
And then run?   
Does it stink like rotten meat?   
Or crust and sugar over--   
like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags   
like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?

<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/documented-rights/>

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkihaveadream.htm>

**Essential Questions?**

* How do people maintain their humanity when society or those in power deny it?
* What is resistance?
* How long did it take for human rights to reach the level at which they exist today? When did the process start?
* Looking at these documents, who would you say was treated fairly? Who was treated unfairly?
* How would you define fair in your life?
* Are all men created equal?
* Is there ever a reason for denying the rights of a specific group or groups of people?
* What types of dissent have been documented over the years? By whom? When?
* How has the United States dealt with the challenges of righting past wrongs?
* Is there a danger that other groups could be victims of discrimination in the future?
* What issues involving civil rights do you see as possible challenges in the future?